



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/567,562	<b>Examiner:</b>	R. C. Watson
<b>Filing Date:</b>	February 8, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3723
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<b>For:</b>	CLAMP APPARATUS		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF JUNE 25, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 25, 2008 in the above application wherein claims 1 and 6-9 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.